

Oregon lawmakers have an opportunity this session to correct a serious flaw in our tax code by passing Senate Bill 1507. When Congress enacted HR 1, it radically reshaped Oregon's tax structure overnight. Because Oregon is tied to the federal tax code, these sweeping federal changes automatically triggered hundreds of millions of dollars in state revenue losses — without a single hearing, without public input, and without any debate about the consequences for Oregon's budget.

SB 1507 is a responsible, targeted fix. It does not raise taxes beyond what the Legislature already assumed when it adopted the 2025–2027 biennial budget last June. Instead, it simply disconnects Oregon from selected federal provisions that were never designed with Oregon's needs in mind. By doing so, SB 1507 would restore roughly \$300 million in revenue that HR 1 unexpectedly stripped away.

That \$300 million matters. It helps maintain the essential services Oregonians rely on — schools, health care, public safety, and the basic infrastructure that keeps communities functioning. Allowing an unexamined federal tax overhaul to hollow out Oregon's budget is neither fiscally responsible nor consistent with the values of a state that prides itself on thoughtful policymaking.

SB 1507 is not a tax increase. It is a correction — a necessary step to ensure Oregon, not Congress, determines Oregon's tax policy. I urge lawmakers to pass this bill and protect the stability of our state budget.